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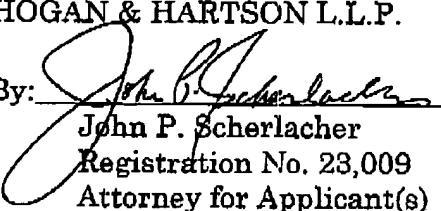
Claims 1-16 were pending in the application. By this amendment, claims 14-16 are being cancelled in order to advance the prosecution of the application. No new matter is involved.

In paragraph 3 which begins on page 2 of the Office Action, claims 14-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hamasaki (U.S. Patent 5,910,952). In paragraph 4 on page 3 of the Office Action, claims 1-13 are allowed.

In response, Applicant is cancelling claims 14-16 in order to place the application in condition for allowance. As noted above, claims 1-13 have been allowed. Inasmuch as these are the only claims remaining in the application, the application should now be condition for allowance.

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